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NEW EMPLOYEE ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR

The Welfare Activities Committee, under the Chairmanship of Joseph B. Ragan, has selected Charles A. Cunningham as the new Director of Employee Activities. This fills the vacancy created last June when John G. Scherlacher resigned in order to join the faculty of the University of West Virginia.

Mr. Cunningham has been Chief of the Community Activities Branch, Office of the Secretary of War for the past four years. He came to Washington in 1941 as Recreation Secretary for the Council of Social Agencies. He was an active member of the D. C. War Hospitality Committee and served temporarily as its secretary in 1942. He has also been active with the Federal Recreation Committee, serving as Vice President and Chairman of several of its subcommittees at various times.

After graduation from the Physical Education Course at the University of Wisconsin, Mr. Cunningham attended the National Recreation School in New York City and later obtained his Masters degree in Recreation from New York University.

Before coming to Washington, Mr. Cunningham was in charge of Recreation Programs for several private and public agencies in New York City and in 1940-41 was the Executive Director of the Community Service Council at Hastings-on-Hudson, N. Y.

Mr. Cunningham's interest in organized recreational activities began with his experience in 4-H Clubs in Ohio and Wisconsin.

He can be reached on Ext. 3105, or in Room 344-W, and is anxious to become acquainted with all employees with ideas and suggestions for the improvement and expansion of volunteer group activities of all kinds as soon as possible.

AGRICULTURE PLAYERS

Agriculture Players are laying plans for the fall and winter program and will send out a call for a meeting of members and prospective members soon. A variety show to be staged around December 1st is being tentatively considered. Persons interested in joining the Agriculture Players should call Jack Blalock, Business Manager on Extension 3224.

EMPLOYEE GROUPS of 100 or more can have group dinners in a cafeteria in the South Building at (for these days) modest prices. It takes at least 100 diners though to bring the costs down to within "quotable" limits. Call Mr. Lomasson's office on Ext. 5703 when your group gets ready to talk turkey. Some groups are already reserving facilities for Christmas parties.

RED CROSS GROUPS ACTIVE

USDA Hostess groups have promised to aid with three more Red Cross parties in hospitals this month: Bethesda Naval Hospital on October 14; Ft. Myer Station Hospital on October 21; and Ft. Belvoir Regional Hospital on Oct. 31. Some fine words of praise have been showered on the USDA Hostesses who helped with hospital parties in the summer months. More girls, mostly in the 18 to 25 age group, are needed for these trips from time to time. Call Mrs. Havey on 6229 and let her add your name to the hostess list.

GRAY LADIES TRAINING classes, with at least 15 USDA learners, will start again on Sat. Oct. 11. At least a dozen recent graduates of Gray Ladies training courses are assisting at various hospitals now on week-ends.

CHAIRMEN OF BUREAUS of USDA Red Cross Unit will have a luncheon at 12:00 on Tues. Oct. 21 in room 6963. There will be a special speaker from Red Cross Headquarters.

RESIDENCE CLUB AIDS GIRLS BUDGETS

Help for government girls who are fighting the battle-of-the-budget these days is seen with the reorganization of the Evangeline Residence Home sponsored by the Salvation Army.

Under the leadership of Captain and Mrs. Alfred J. Osborne formerly directors of the Salvation Army USO Club in Washington, the home is developing a new club spirit and a "homey" atmosphere prevails in both public and private rooms.

Located at 1330 L St., N.W. downtown and near the 14th St. carline, the Evangeline has the convenience of a Hotel along with the comforts of home. A well equipped laundry, sewing room, and snack room are available to residents.

Rates of \$11.75 to \$15.75 weekly include two daily meals in the club dining room. Further details are obtainable from the Osbornes on National 7870.

WANT TO BE ON A TELEVISION PROGRAM?

Some nice prizes are available to 5 teams of television people from Agriculture who will participate in a scavenger hunt on Monday night October 27, 7:30 p.m. at the Harrington Hotel. TELEVISION STATION WTTG--Call Ext. 3105 for details, if you would like to join the fun and win a prize.

PLACE FOR A PARTY?

For a crowd of from 100 to 250 employees for a holiday party, square dance, or dinner, the LOG LODGE at Beltsville, is a resource to beat the high-cost of Hotels. And you can charter a 40 passenger (seated) bus for less than \$36 for five hours to take the folks who don't want to drive their own cars out and back. Ask the WELFARE ASSOCIATION.

PHILATELIC SOCIETY of Department of Agriculture met last week. Dr. Leuton, a senior member of the club gave an illustrated talk on water marks and perforations. The Club is collecting surplus or duplicate stamps for wounded veterans in local hospitals and would appreciate contributions for this worthy cause. Send your extra stamps for wounded vets to August Schimmack, P&MA (Fiscal Branch) Room 6759 South Bldg.

Next meeting of the USDA Philatelic Society will be held at 6:15 p.m. on Thursday, November 6. Call Mr. Schimmack on Ext. 2527 if you are interested in joining this group.

#### PORTABLE P. A. PURCHASE

To meet an often recurring need of employee groups the Welfare Association has purchased a portable public address system. An automatic record player which can be attached for background music at banquets or parties or for dancing is included in the outfit. When your group planning committee is thinking about its next affair, banquet, rally, dance, or holiday party, it might be a wise move to ask early to have the P. A. system reserved for your use. Call the Activities Director's office on Ext. 3105 for further details.

#### NEW HOSTESS CLUB FORMED

Capitol Girls Society is the name chosen by large groups of girls, - many of them volunteer veterans of the wartime Womens Battalion which did such a smooth job of organization for hostess service for dances at local camps and stations throughout the war--for a peacetime hostess service for out-of-town dances in cooperation with Army, Navy, Marine, and Red Cross promoted activities. Members will aid in various social activities, conduct study groups and hold Athletic events. Age limits are 18 to 25. Dues are 50¢ a month. Group has headquarters at Walsh Center. For details call Michigan 2567.

THE U. S. AGGIES RIFLE AND PISTOL CLUB is making plans for the winter season. On Saturday, Oct. 18, the club will shoot the army .22 caliber qualification course on its range at the Agricultural Research Center, and on the following Saturday, Oct. 25, they will travel to Fort Meade to shoot the .30 caliber rifles. Two new German M-1 rifles have just been received by the Club through the Director of Civilian Marksmanship. The Club is planning on entering teams in the District and Maryland rifle and pistol leagues this winter. Anyone interested in joining the Club should contact Edward G. Grimes, Sec'y., PISAE, 85, Ext. 68 or Robert F. Turnure, Pres., BAE, Ext. 2106, Room 3865, South Building.

#### FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Community Chest Federation Drive opens soon. Last year, 10,943 Agriculture employees gave \$106,619.00. Welfare agencies are having quite a struggle now to stretch the funds we gave them last year to cover the rising costs of everything. Maybe we ought to give more this year, since our Dollars are so small now. Several thousand workers will give a lot of time and money to our biggest civic volunteer effort. WHY NOT GIVE MORE NOW!

C. A. LYONS our genial expert and teacher has agreed to handle BRIDGE CLASSES again beginning on Oct. 14 and Oct. 16; two classes, once a week for 10 weeks. Register now with Mrs. Havey at the Red Cross Desk in the Admn. Bldg. Patio.

#### NEW CREDIT UNION SERVICE

Don't send cash when you can now buy American Express Money Orders in Room 5433, South Bldg., at the Agricultural Employees' Credit Union. You don't need to be a member to take advantage of this service. Better find out about joining though while you are there. This Credit Union, started in 1935, now has over 700 members who are teaching their \$Dollar to have more cents.

MEET THE MISSUS at the office sometimes and have dinner in the 5th Wing cafeteria. It is often cheaper than buying groceries and going home, and besides, you won't have to wash the dishes. Cafeteria opens at 5:30.

#### LOOKIN' FOR A HOME? HOME SHOW EXPOSITION, opens Oct. 11.

Some Photophans missed lunch to see the pictorial Photographs by Vernon G. Leach at the Smithsonian Arts & Industries Bldg. this month.

#### RIDES WANTED

Mabel Paulsen, X5168, 21 Elmira St. S.E. (South Capitol Street)  
Miss Dere, X4325, South Columbus Street, North Fairlington, Arlington, Virginia  
Miss Girkey, X6254, 7615 Eastern Avenue, Silver Spring, Maryland.  
Harold Williams, X5313, Lee Highway, Beyond Glebe Road, Arlington, Virginia.  
Miss Carbine, X2579, 200 Birch Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland.

#### RIDERS WANTED

Mr. Potosky, X4078, Meridian Valley, Landover, Maryland.

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Rafters will ring at the LOG Ledge on Friday OCT 17, when the next. SQUARE DANCE PARTY of the Agriculture Research Center Employees Association gets under way. If you want to get invited you have to know somebody who is a member of the ARC Association. Last month's dance had the floor well filled for the evening. Additional dances are scheduled by this group on Nov. 14 and Dec. 12.

#### THIS IS YOUR BULLETIN! ANOTHER

ISSUE WILL BE OUT EARLY IN NOVEMBER  
SEND COMMENTS, CRITICISMS, SUGGESTION  
AND NEWS ABOUT YOUR EMPLOYEE GROUP  
TO ROOM 344W c/o OFF. of PERSONNEL